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UNITED STATES ARMY, EUROPE, and SEVENTH ARMY  
Commander in Chief  
APO New York 09403

22 May 1979

Dear Stan:

As I count down the days until my retirement, I have been thinking back to all those people I have counted as personal friends and professional colleagues. I want to thank you personally for the support and assistance you have provided to United States Army, Europe during my tenure as Commander in Chief. Your personal efforts and interest in getting intelligence to the levels where it is needed and in the manner required has assisted me in accomplishing my missions here. I know that your organization will continue to support Fritz Kroesen in the same manner.

Beth and I will be returning to the Washington area for awhile until I settle on a job and decide where we'll reside. We'll look forward to seeing you again when we get somewhat established.

Warm personal regards.

Sincerely,

GEORGE S. BLANCHARD  
General, United States Army

The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

24 May 1979

Dear George,

Sorrow is not an adequate word to express my feelings on your impending retirement. The Army will miss your superlative leadership and I will miss the direct working relationships we have had.

Please do keep in touch and let us know where you settle. Pat joins me in sending our very best wishes to Beth and you.

Yours,

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STANSFIELD TURNER

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

6 APR 1977

Dear George,

I can't help responding to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending such a warm note of congratulations. Both Pat and I appreciate it very much.

I must say that this abrupt shift in professional directions took me by storm. I have become very excited at the prospect of what can be done in this new capacity. I only hope I can live up to the President's and your expectations.

I, too, thought back on our conversations about how to promote the morale and welfare of our people in the military. I continue to think of it as the number one problem that we face. It isn't likely to be in my sphere back here, but I certainly will put in a word whenever I can.

One thing I want very much to do is to eradicate the impression that the Director of Central Intelligence does not pay enough attention to supporting military commanders in the field. Unfortunately, I was never a U.S. Commander-in-Chief, and hence I have not personally experienced what the intelligence support is like. I do have a conviction that there must be more interplay between the non-DoD elements of intelligence and those of DoD if you commanders are going to get the support you need. It seems to me we must find a way for you to tap the potential of some of our "national" systems for tactical purposes. The national assets have capabilities you cannot replicate with purely military assets, I believe. Hence we must look more today than perhaps ever before to harmonizing the contributions of all elements of the Intelligence Community in your support. In any event, I would appreciate any views on the strengths and weaknesses of the intelligence support you are receiving when we next meet.

We will look forward to keeping in touch and hopefully seeing you and Beth on one of your trips to Washington. In the meantime, we both send thanks and very warmest regards.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stansfield', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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